



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

October 27, 2024
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Reformation Sunday

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Michael Praetorius

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

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**This is the day the Lord hath made;
the hours are all God's own.
Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad,
and praise surround the throne.**

Call to Worship

God, you are here among us.

**Yet we know you cannot be contained by this or any house
of worship.**

God, you call us together in your holy name.

Therefore we are your temple; make your home in our hearts.

***Hymn 417** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, minds, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as we have loved ourselves. We have sinned by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do, and by what we have said, and by what we have left unsaid. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, to the glory of your holy name.

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation is often used in church dedications, but the first stanza refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London.

**Those who are able may stand.*

At "The Peace," worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

After the Passing of the Peace at the 11:00 a.m. service, children, ages Pre-K - 2nd Grade, are invited to Children's Church held in the Children's Ministry Suite on the first floor.

Lay Reader:
11:00: Anne Marie Miller

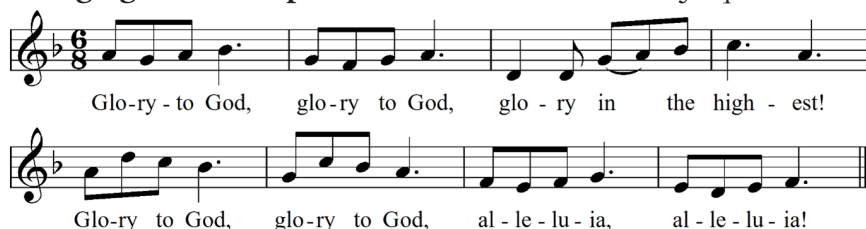
The anthem, sung by the Chancel Choir, Celebration Singers, and St. Andrews Choir, is an arrangement of the Lutheran chorale version of the Gloria. It is arranged by contemporary American composer Rachel Aarons.

In Christ There Is No East or West began as part of a Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune.

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles' Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.

*Congregational Response

Jacques Berthier



*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 339, stanza 1

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

First Lesson

Luke 19:45-46, page 960

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

11:00 a.m. Anthem

Glory Be to Thee Most High

arr. Rachel Aarons

All glory be to thee, most high, to thee all adoration!
In grace and truth thou drawest nigh to offer us salvation.
We bless and worship thee and raise our voices
in unending praise; we praise thy name forever.
O Jesu Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heavenly Father,
O thou, who hast our peace restored, the straying sheep dost gather.
Thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out of the depths we sinners cry;
have mercy on us, O Jesu!
O Holy Ghost, thou precious gift, thou Comforter unfailing.
From Satan's snares our souls uplift, and let thy power, availing,
avert our woes and calm our dread; for us thy Savior's blood was shed.
We trust in thee to save us!

Second Lesson

1 Kings 5:1-5, 8:27-30, 41-43 page 304

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The House of Prayer

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Moment for Mission *Generosity Team* Chuck Toney
Hymn 592

***Doxology**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Hymn 260** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

***Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Hymn 538, stanza 1
Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Postlude *We All Believe in One True God* Johann Sebastian Bach



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your generosity.

Long before Isaac
Watts wrote Christian-
ized versions of psalms,
Martin Luther did so.
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our
God* is Luther's most
famous. He created
both text and tune.

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Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Children, Pre K – 2nd Grade, are invited to Children's Church during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children's Church will be held downstairs in the Children's Ministry Suite. We will depart for Children's Church following the Passing of the Peace. Due to the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, children can be picked up in the Atrium.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Offering
Today, October 27

First Pres children will be Trick or Treating for UNICEF this morning during the Sunday school hour in our adult Sunday School classrooms, choir room, and in the Atrium following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Halloween Treats will be provided!

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Mr. Wes Clarke, *Trumpet*

Lay Reader

11:00 a.m. Anne Marie Miller

USHERS

8:45 a.m. John Simpson (head), Terry Nestor
11:00 a.m. Jimbo LaBoon III (head),
Randy Dudley

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Del Dunn by his family.
We have two rosebuds in honor of the birth of Callie Ivy on October 12, 2024, and Roman David on October 16, 2024. Callie’s parents are Kyle and Claudette Cole, and Roman’s parents are Jason and Lynnette Cole. Grandparents are David and Claudia Cole.

OCTOBER FLOWER TEAM

Greta Covington (chair),
Judy Burch, Sydney Jackson, Susan Landrum,
Wanda Neislar, Leslye Queen, Judy Scanlon

ATRIUM FELLOWSHIP HOST

Chuck & Laura Toney

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Aiden Dowling

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium, on Facebook, and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

Join us this Wednesday for a special Wed@First

Join us this Wednesday, October 30, for a fun time of fall-themed fellowship together - pumpkin carving, Halloween Bingo, and a costume contest. This is a BYOP event (please Bring Your Own Pumpkin and carving tools). Make sure to make your reservation by noon **tomorrow, October 28** (more info on how to RSVP on the next page).

Wed@First Fall Programs
October 30 Schedule:

- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Shakespeare & Friends Homer’s *Iliad* Class, Room 308
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner (McAlister’s)+Halloween Fun, Fellowship Hall
Dinner menu: Spud Bar, Garden Salad* (* = gluten free)*
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Room 202
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Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



\$12/person, \$45 family max (complimentary for children 5 and under). Please RSVP in the Atrium, online at tinyurl.com/WedAtFirst, using the QR code, or by contacting the church office e-mail frontdesk@firstpresathens.org or call 706-543-4338 by Mondays at 12:00 p.m.:

Recommendations for Elders

The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages your participation in the process for nominating Elders. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian Gospel, both within the church and in the world at large.

Please e-mail your suggestions to Chuck Toney, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, at chuckgt63@gmail.com. You can also fill out the form in the website (www.firstpresathens.org).

Current Elders:
(Not eligible for recommendation)

CLASS OF 2025

Shannon Brooks
Phyllis Crowell
Denise Horton
Paul Lee
Sharon Neff
Bruce Middendorf
Randy Riner
Chuck Toney

CLASS OF 2026

Lindsay Griffeth
Dan Nadenicek
Karen Phillips
Ethelyn Simpson
Jeffrey Trapnell
Pat Tritt
John Turner
Pat Waldrip

CLASS OF 2027

Susan Baldwin
Bill Bushnell
Amy Cowsert
Matt Crim
Jay Holloway
Tom Lane
Joan Pinson
Paige Simmons

I prayerfully recommend the following for Elder:

Name	_____	Reasons	_____

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Name	_____	Reasons	_____

Name	_____	Reasons	_____

Name	_____	Reasons	_____

Members of the Nominations and Elections Committee are Chuck Toney (Chair), Ethelyn Simpson (Vice Chair), Stan Bailey, Meghan Bawcum, Jim Bennewitz, Susan Ferguson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATHHALF PRE-RACE SERVICE NOVEMBER 3

Invite your racing friends and supporters to our informal worship at 6:30 a.m. on the Atrium. *Due to the race there will be no 8:45 a.m. service on November 3.*

FOOD SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

You may bring donations of **canned soup, dry pasta, saltine crackers** to church on **Sunday, November 3**. You may also bring items to the church office until **Friday, November 1**. Thanks for your donations in October, it makes a big difference to our neighbors in need.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS END

Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night (November 2) for the end of Daylight Savings Time.

HURRICANE RESPONSE

Dear Friends, as we continue to grasp the magnitude of damage and suffering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton, our hearts ache for our neighbors who have lost so much. We are grateful to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for organizing relief efforts on the ground in those areas of great need and so we encourage anyone wanting to help to donate to PDA (pda.pcusa.org).

John Coble Organ Recital

Sunday, November 10, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Join us on November 10, 4:00 p.m. as Dr. John Coble will perform a recital in memory of Dr. Raymond Martin. The program will include music by J.S. Bach, Dan Locklair, Felix Mendelssohn, and Louis Vierne.

A reception in the Atrium will follow. The recital is presented as part of the Wayne F. Middendorf Memorial Concert Series and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Martin was the father of Jean Martin-Williams. He was a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music and Union Theological Seminary, and was a distinguished organist and church musician, serving on the faculty of Agnes Scott College for 37 years. He also served as organist/choirmaster at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta.

Thanksgiving Food Bag Sunday is Sunday, November 17

Can you provide a bag of food that can be used by an Athens family of four to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner? Please bring the items on the list below in a reusable bag to church on November 17 or drop them off at the church during normal business hours by **Friday, November 15**. Alternatively, you can send a check for \$50 to the church or donate at firstpresathens.org/giving (please select General Fund and add "Thanksgiving bags" in the memo box).

2024 Shopping List (* not in bags delivered prior to November 17)

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| ☐ Cranberry sauce | ☐ Mac & Cheese |
| ☐ Chicken broth | ☐ Instant potatoes |
| ☐ French fried onions (that go on top of green bean casserole) | ☐ Rice |
| ☐ Canned Corn | ☐ Gravy (cans or jars) |
| ☐ Stuffing/Dressing mix | ☐ Cookies |
| ☐ Cornbread mix | ☐ Fresh sweet potatoes* |
| | ☐ Brown and serve rolls* |

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday, Family Promise Host Weeks End, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Room 203
- 4:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 4:50 p.m. Celebration Singers Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, The PIT

Monday, October 28

- 2:00 p.m. Lay Caller Meeting, Hybrid
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Handbell Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. UGA Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, October 29

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls 1, Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. UGA Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Wednesday, October 30

- 4:30 p.m. Shakespeare & Friends *Iliad* Class, Room 308
- 5:30 p.m. Wed@First Supper - McAlister's + Halloween Fun, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Thursday, October 31

- 9:05 a.m. WDS Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 2:00 p.m. Mellows, The Grove (formerly Magnolia Estates)
- 4:30 p.m. Resource Pantry (Matthew 25), The PIT
- 7:00 p.m. Athens Flute Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 2

- 8:00 a.m. Kate's Club, The PIT

Sunday, November 3 - Daylight Saving Time Ends, AthHalf Service, Communion Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Food Sunday

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 12:30 p.m. Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 4:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Room 203
- 4:00 p.m. St. Andrews Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 4:50 p.m. Celebration Singers Choir Rehearsal, Room 202

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see below a list of opportunities to volunteer and get involved in different ministries and programs here at FPC (you can find more detailed information at firstpresathens.org):

- Children and Youth Ministries: help with Children's Church, Sunday School, or Youth Dinner
- Fellowship Host: help setting up Atrium Fellowship on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. services
- Resource Pantry: donate items or volunteer for a 2-hour shift

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries:

Hannah Knight

Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Nursery Play, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children's Playroom • Infants – 4 Year Olds

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play during worship and Sunday school. Children will enjoy playtime, Bible stories, and a light snack with church friends.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry Suite • Pre-K – 5th Grade

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe and nurturing space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children and Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

All children are welcome to remain in worship with their families every Sunday. Children's bulletins, Bibles, and books are available at the children's tables located in the Narthex and on both sides of the choir loft.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Children, Pre-K – 2nd Grade are invited to Children's Church after the passing of The Peace. We will continue worshipping together in the Children's Ministry Suite by listening to God's Word, praying to God, and responding through art and worship.

**No Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday. All children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on this special Sunday to take part in worship and Communion with family.*

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministries:

Hannah Knight

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Sunday School (9:45 a.m.) - offered for both middle and high school

Both middle and high school groups will be using the Living the Word curriculum, that closely follows the narrative lectionary that guides our worship each week. Middle and high schoolers will be split into separate rooms in the PIT for a time of study, discussion, and response.

Youth Group (5:30-7 p.m.)

Sunday night youth group is a safe space for youth to come as they are! We will begin with dinner together in the fellowship hall (please volunteer to provide a meal at tinyurl.com/FPCYouthDinner2024). At 6:00, both middle and high school groups will move down to the PIT where there will be games, Bible study, creative response time, and lots of laughs as we spend an intentional hour together. The theme for this year is “In Every Season,” rooted in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. We will spend time diving into what it looks like to trust & see God in every season, and learning to be okay with asking questions about our faith.

For any questions, please contact Hannah at hannah@firstpresathens.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45-10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON

Bible Basics • Moses Waddel Room

Bible Basics is a new intergenerational adult class designed to improve basic Bible knowledge and familiarity. This year, we are “walking through the Bible” – Genesis to Revelation – in an effort to lay a solid foundation for future Bible study. The class is appropriate for all experience levels from “Biblical neophytes” to those looking for a refresher.

Contacts: David Dantzler (jdaviddantzler@gmail.com)

and Elaine Johnson (elaine@firstpresathens.org)

Builders • Room 301

This class is a space for all parents of children and youth to gather and share in the complexity of family life. Our time together will offer a blend of fellowship, parenting support, Bible study, and service.

Contacts: Dr. Ryan Baer (ryan@firstpresathens.org) or

Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard (whitney@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (*in person and over Zoom*)

Del Dunn Sunday School Class • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture, offering a collegial environment and welcoming all who seek to enrich their understanding of the Bible and its application to our daily lives.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 380 330 5940, PW: 245449

New Voices • Room 310

Our goal is to create joy through art, food, music, prayer, scripture, class-led discussion, community, purple open-mindedness, and inclusion. Books to be read and discussed this year include *Falling Upward*, by Richard Rohr, and more!

Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 674 533 8902

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

The class features open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity. This year, the class will continue with their study and discussion of *Understanding the Old Testament*, led by Robert Miller, professor at Catholic University.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com),

Jim Scanlon (jjtsanlon@yahoo.com)

Zoom ID: 883 5159 0923

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

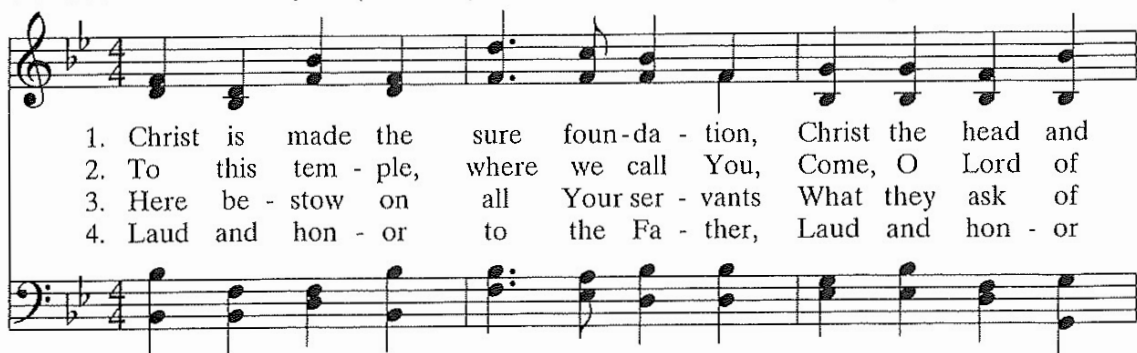
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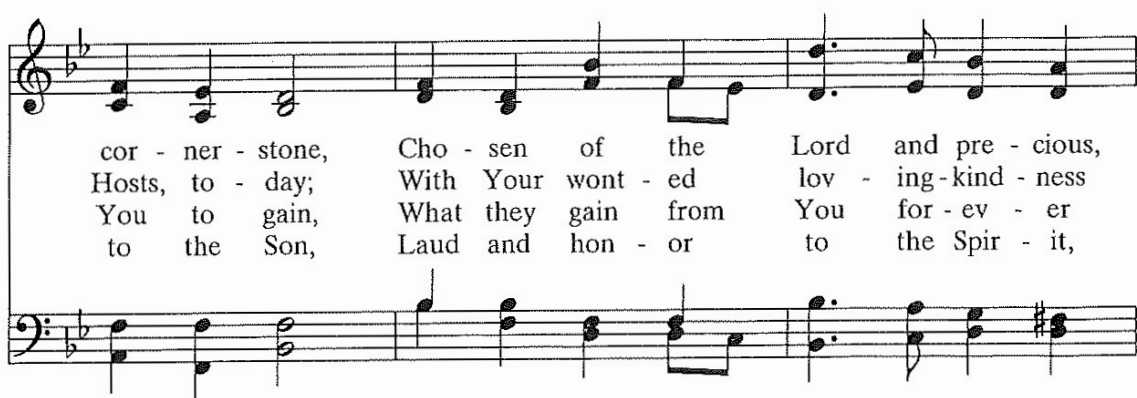
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Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

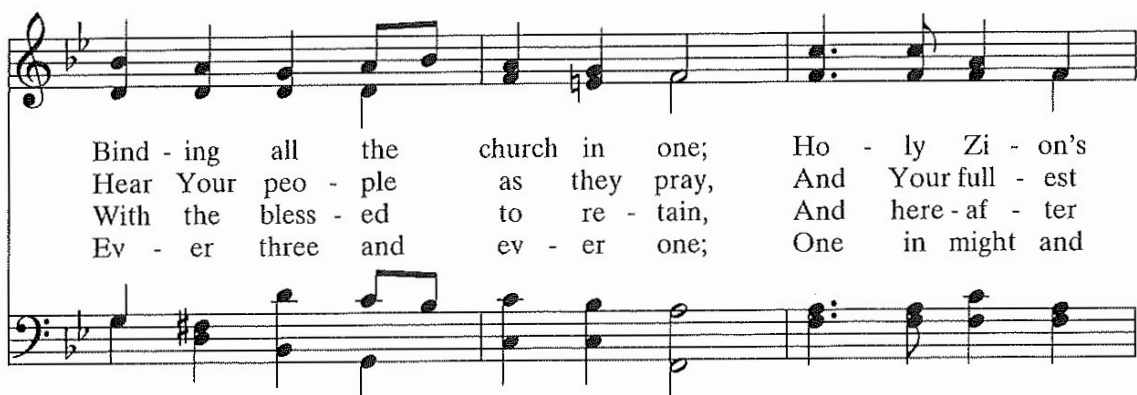
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



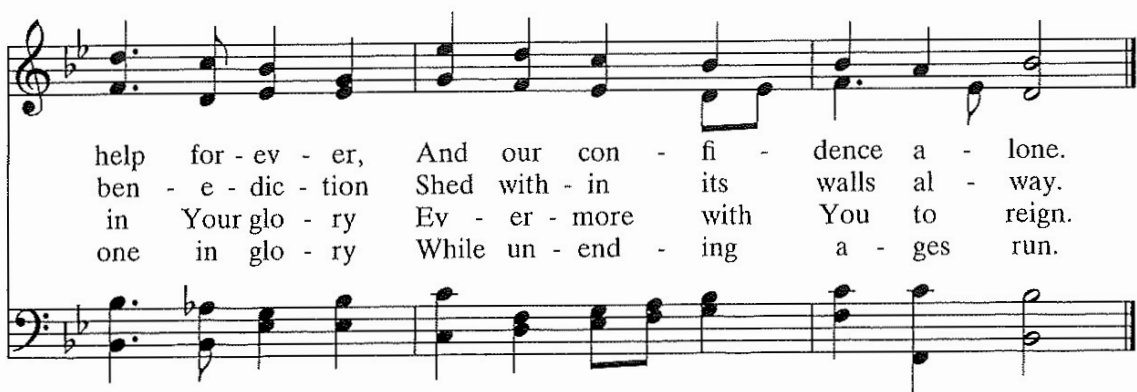
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
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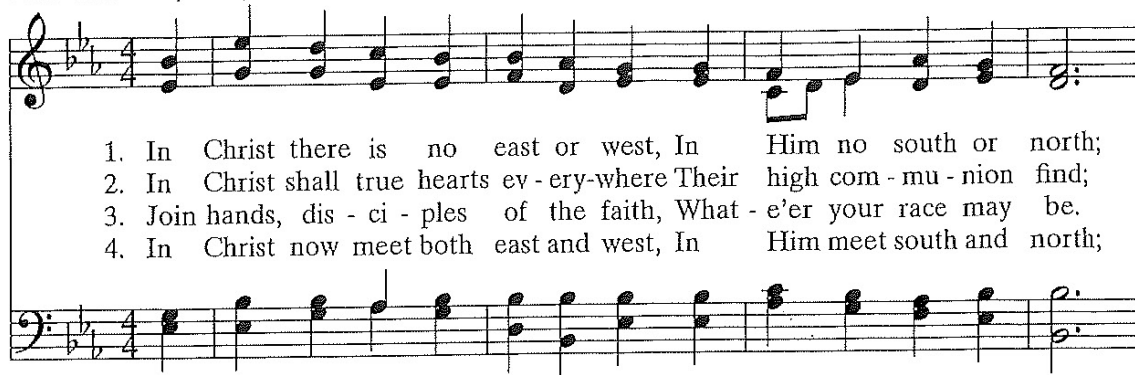
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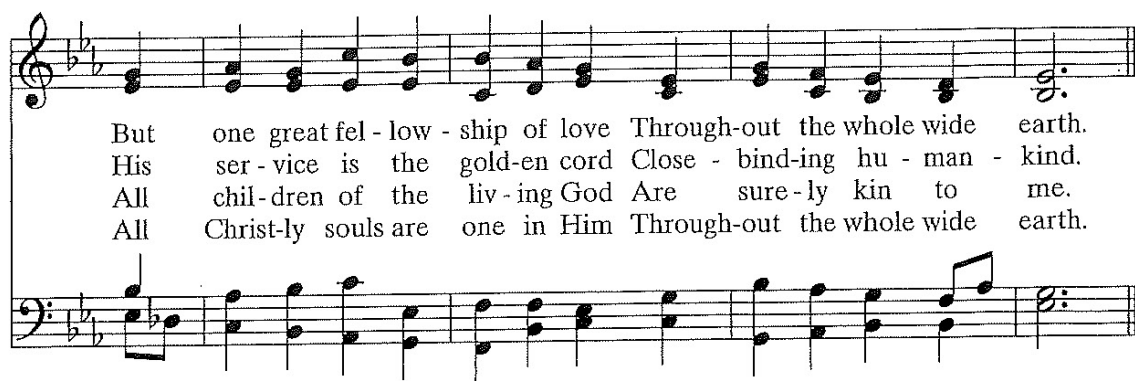
help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
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 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

Alexander Robert Reinagle, 1836



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north;
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where Their high com-mu-nion find;
 3. Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, What-e'er your race may be.
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north;



But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His ser-vice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 All chil-dren of the liv-ing God Are sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-out the whole wide earth.

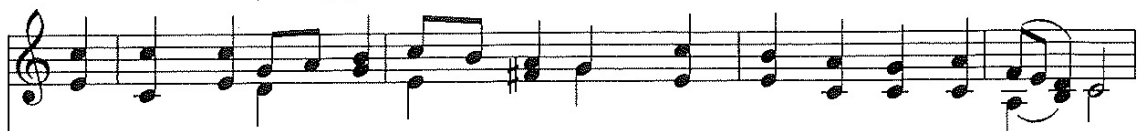
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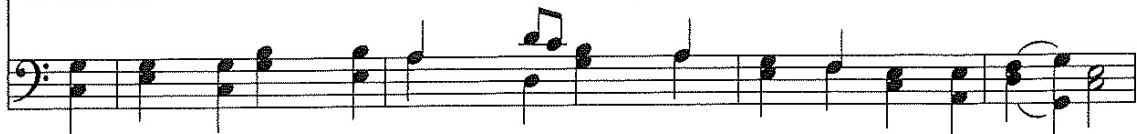
Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

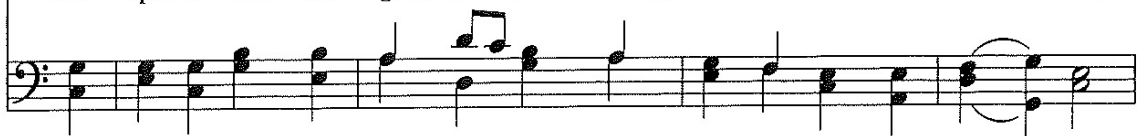
Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Pat Waldrip, Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Shannon Brooks	Lindsay Griffeth	Susan Baldwin
Phyllis Crowell	Dan Nadenicek	Bill Bushnell
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